

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article comprising:
 - an absorbent sandwiched between a body fluid permeable surface member and a body fluid impermeable back member,
 - wherein said absorbent includes an upper layer and a lower layer disposed between said body fluid permeable surface member and said body fluid impermeable back member;
 - wherein said lower layer has a higher density than that of said upper layer by forming indented recesses in the lower layer of said absorbent that underlies said upper layer into a continuous honeycomb shape;
 - wherein said indented recesses are formed in linear portions having an angle of 45 degrees or less between an inclination direction of said indented recesses and a longitudinal direction of the article;
 - wherein said indented recesses have an emboss percentage of 30 to 55%, as determined by the ratio of the thicknesses before and after an embossing treatment;
 - wherein said lower layer extends beyond an outer edge of said upper layer; and
 - wherein said absorbent has relations of $B > A$ and $B > C$, when said upper layer has a density A, a portion of said lower layer that underlies the upper layer has a density B, and the remaining portion of said lower layer that extends beyond the outer edge of said upper layer has a density C.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein said indented recesses are formed in a body side face of said lower layer.

4. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein said indented recesses are formed in an opposite side face of body side face of said lower layer.
5. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, wherein both a contact portion with said body fluid permeable surface member in said absorbent and a contact portion with said absorbent in said body fluid permeable surface member do not have a clearance, which might otherwise be caused by forming said indented recesses.
6. (previously presented): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim 1, wherein said body fluid permeable surface member is either a top sheet contacting with a body, or said top sheet and a second sheet sandwiched between said top sheet and said absorbent.
7. (previously presented): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim 1, wherein both a contact portion with said lower layer in said upper layer and a contact portion with said upper layer in said lower layer do not have any clearance, which might otherwise be caused by forming said indented recesses.
8. (canceled)
9. (previously presented): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim 1, wherein $C > A$.
10. (previously presented): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim 1, wherein the density A is 20 to 50 Kg/m³; and wherein the density B is 40 to 120Kg/m³; and wherein the density C is 20 to 80 Kg/m³.
11. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~1, ~~wherein said indented recesses are recesses of emboss patterns formed by an embossing~~

~~treatment; and wherein the recesses of said emboss patterns have an array, in which the~~
shortest mutual distance of said indented recesses is 3 mm or less.

12-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]1~~,
~~wherein said indented recesses are formed in linear portions having an angle larger than~~
~~45 degrees between an inclination direction of said indented recesses and a longitudinal~~
~~direction of the article; and wherein a length of the linear portions of said article in the~~
longitudinal direction are longer than a length of linear portions ~~of~~ in said inclination
direction.

16. (currently amended): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]1~~,
~~wherein said indented recesses are formed in linear portions having an angle larger than~~
~~45 degrees between an inclination direction of said indented recesses and a longitudinal~~
~~direction of the article; and wherein a width of linear portions in the longitudinal~~
direction of said article are wider than a width of the linear portions in said inclination
direction.

17. (previously presented): A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in claim 1, wherein
said indented recesses that extend from the side of the body fluid impermeable back
member of said lower layer into said upper layer are formed in said absorbent.